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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 15 September 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

- 1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
- 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

- 3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
- 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) ____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
- 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
- 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
- 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: 8,9 and 17-19.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-7,10-16 and 20.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

- 8. The drawing correction filed on ____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

- 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

- 10. Other: _____.

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Continuation of 2. NOTE: Applicant states that he has amended claims 8, 9, and 17- 19 to include all of the limitations to the relevant base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 8, 9, and 17-19 are missing significant limitations from the claims they depend from. Claim 8, in the After Final Amendment, does not recite "a first perimetrical segment extending substantially along said first separation channel, and a second perimetrical edge segment extending substantially along said second separation channel," as required by claim 1, from which it previously depended. Since claim 9 depends from claim 8 it also lacks this limitation. Claim 17, in the After Final Amendment, does not recite "forming a first perimetrical edge segment extending along said first separation channel; and forming second perimetrical edge segment extending along said second separation channel," as required by claim 10, from which it originally depended. Since claim 18 depends from claim 17 it also lacks this limitation. Claim 19, in the After Final Amendment, does not recite "forming first and second converging elongate separation channels in said first major surface," as required by claim 10, from which it originally depended.